



Primary Care and Chronic Illness Standing Committee— Committee Orientation Web Meeting

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened the Primary Care and Chronic Illness (PCCI) Standing Committee for a web meeting on December 7, 2017, to orient the Committee to the new Committee charge, the changes to the NQF consensus development process (CDP), and the fall 2017 cycle of work.

Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Meeting Objectives

John Bernot, NQF senior director, and Dale Bratzler and Kelly Clayton, Committee co-chairs, welcomed the Standing Committee, expert reviewers, and participants to the web meeting. NQF staff reviewed the meeting objectives. Committee members each introduced themselves.

Overview of CDP Evaluation Process and PCCI Portfolio

Suzanne Theberge, NQF senior project manager, began the call with an update to the Committee on the changes to the consensus development process (CDP) resulting from the May 2017 Kaizen. Ms. Theberge summarized the six steps of the CDP and provided more details on the major changes to the process, including the more frequent review cycles (twice a year); the Intent to Submit measure process for measure developers; the addition of the Scientific Methods Panel to review the testing for complex measures; and the extended public commenting period with member support/nonsupport. Following the process updates, Ms. Theberge briefly reviewed the measures in the PCCI portfolio. In response to questions, NQF staff confirmed that opioid measures are a gap area and that NQF has many screening measures, but they are assigned to other CDP project portfolios, particularly the Population Health and Patient Safety projects.

Overview of New Roles

Next, Hiral Dudhwala, NQF project manager, explained the changes to the Committee resulting from the merger of several of NQF's former standing committees (Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat; Endocrine; Infectious Disease; Musculoskeletal; and Pulmonary) into the new Primary Care and Chronic Illness Committee. Ms. Dudhwala reviewed the role of the Standing Committee members, explained the new role of the expert reviewers, and clarified how the two roles differ. The Committee had questions about how standing committee members versus expert reviewers were determined from the pool of the five previous Committees. Dr. Bernot provided additional information on the selection process and noted that the most important factor was selecting Committee members with expertise to address the measures under review in a particular cycle (i.e., diabetes, HIV, osteoporosis, etc.) while also ensuring a balance of the various stakeholder perspectives, especially the patient and caregiver voice. Ms. Theberge clarified the Committee members that will review and vote on measures submitted during each cycle will be continuously re-assessed by the NQF project team. NQF will determine the Standing Committee once staff have confirmed which measures will be under review in a new cycle. The NQF project

team will pull the appropriate expertise into the Standing Committee from the expert reviewer pool, as needed.

Ms. Dudhwala then reviewed the role of the NQF staff in a CDP project. Finally, Ms. Dudhwala provided more information about the development and role of the new Scientific Methods Panel. May Nacion, NQF project manager for the Methods Panel, answered numerous Committee questions about how the Methods Panel review will interface with the Committee review and what role the PCCI Committee will take in reviewing the scientific acceptability of measures going forward.

Next Steps

Ms. Dudhwala explained that the PCCI project had not received any measures for review in the Fall 2017 cycle and that the project team would be in touch early in the new year (2018) regarding the Committee webinar on February 1, 2018. Committee members discussed ideas they would be interested in hearing about on that webinar, including NQF's Measure Incubator work. Ms. Dudhwala reviewed the timeline for the Spring 2018 cycle, including the measures that are scheduled for maintenance review.

SharePoint Overview

Madison Jung, NQF project analyst, gave the Committee an overview of the Committee SharePoint page and how to find and access materials posted there. There were no further questions, so NQF staff adjourned the call.